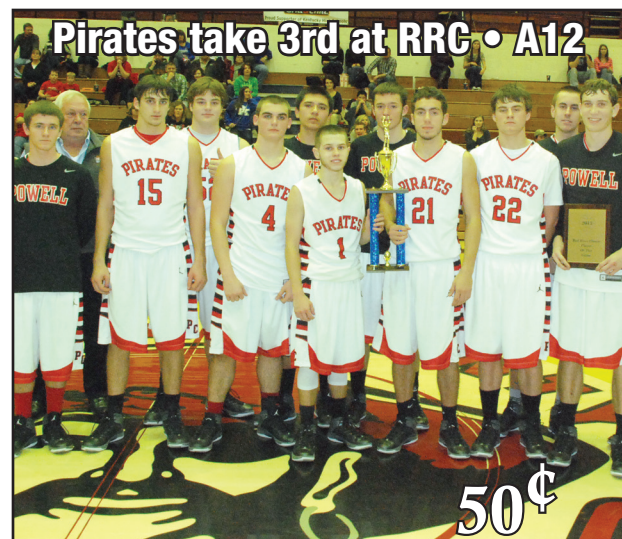


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Arctic blast leads to slick roads, fatal wreck

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

A wintry blast that ushered in quickly falling temperatures, snow, high winds and turned wet roads into skating rinks played a huge factor in a series of accidents at one location on Campton Road last Thursday afternoon. One of those accidents turned fatal after a car slid sideways and struck an oncoming truck head-on. The driver was driving on suspended license and the woman who died had just celebrated a birthday.

The first calls came in just before 4 p.m. Three quick accidents happened in the area known as Welch's Cut, just past a curve as you leave the Stanton City Limits. It was the second accident of the three that turned deadly.

Police say that that a white 1992 Geo Storm, driven by Cody Campbell, 22, of Stanton, was heading southbound on Campton Road when he lost control as he entered the curve. A witness, Jacob Brandenburg, who was involved in the first accident, told Powell County Deputy Billy Rice it appeared that Campbell dropped off the shoulder of the road.

The accident report states that Campbell over corrected, came back onto the road and slid across the road into the northbound lane. The passenger side of Campbell's car struck a white 2004 GMC Sierra 4x4 driven by Ryland Ledford, 25, also of Stanton. Ledford was pulling a trailer and was coming to a stop to attempt to turn left into a driveway.

Campbell's car plunged down an embankment



and struck a fence on property owned by Myers Arnett. Emergency personnel, as well as officers from Stanton, the Powell County Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police arrived.

Amy Campbell, who

had just turned 35 the day before, was trapped in the vehicle. After she was removed she was taken by ambulance to Marcum and Wallace Hospital in Irvine. She was pronounced dead upon arrival. According

to Deputy Rice's report the Estill County Coroner advised that Campbell died from blunt force trauma as a result of the

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Temps fall to lowest seen in nearly a decade

The arctic blast that dropped temperatures from 57 at 9 p.m. Sunday night to a bone chilling -3 degrees in 24 hours has created a few problems.

It extended the school kids Christmas Break as schools were closed Monday and Tuesday. The roads became treacherous and wind chill factors dipped into the negative double digits.

The county's emergency management opened two shelters for anyone needing help to stay warm. A few power outages were reported, but were scattered.

A few accidents were reported and a state highway worker was injured trying to clear a tree from the Cane Creek Road area early Monday.

Weather officials say that this type of arctic front and temperatures have not been felt in this area in over a decade.

They also say that by the end of the week we could rebound and see the thermometer rise to a balmy 40 degrees.

Avoiding deer leads to deputy's accident

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The old year went out with a small problem for the Powell County Sheriff's Department. One of their deputies, while patrolling and looking out for suspicious activity near Clay City last Sunday night, ended up in a ditch and his cruiser was totaled.

Powell County Deputy Larry Hall was patrolling the Black Creek Road area just north of Clay City. In recent weeks there have been numerous reports of break-ins or possible attempted break-ins. Some of those came from the Newell Lane and Stokley Loop areas.

Hall, 35, was traveling northbound on Black Creek Road just before 10 p.m. Hall was off duty in his cruiser, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria. According to Hall he attempted to avoid striking a deer located in his direction of travel.

"I was driving along and could see these deer come up and stand on the bank near the road. Another car was coming from the opposite direction and I just knew the other car was going to hit one," Hall said. "But, they didn't and as I tried to avoid the deer I tapped my break. There may have been some black ice; I'm not sure. Next thing I know the tires locked up and I slid around."

Hall then lost control of his vehicle and exited the left side of the highway striking an earth embankment.

"I went into the ditch, came back out a little, spun around and hit either a culvert or something there in the ditch," Hall stated. "It totaled the car. But my biggest concern is that I did not want to hit the other car. You can replace a car, not a life."

Powell County Dispatchers called in

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Breaking Free Youth Conference 2014



Times Photos by James Cook

The Breaking Free Youth Conference was held last Saturday at the Powell County High School. The numbers were down this year, which was a shame as those who attended got to see inspiring performances by the Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy (above) and New Hope Baptist Church (below) drama teams. The guest speaker, Lucas Hurd (right), talked to the teens about issues like sex and relationships, while using Bible stories and scriptures to show God's view on those issues. The conference, which has seen as many as 180 attend in recent years, is held the first Saturday in January each year.



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Ambulance involved in accident

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The end of 2013 was a little rough for the Powell County Ambulance Service. What do you do when the ones you call for help end up needing help themselves? On New Years Eve at approximately 2:45 p.m. an ambulance was involved in an accident. Kentucky State Police were called to Caudill Road in reference to the accident because it involved a Powell County Ambulance. The EMS personnel had responded to a residence on Caudill Road in reference to a female complaining of stomach pains. The ambulance was transporting the patient to Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester when not far from the home; the ambulance was attempting to avoid another vehicle when the ambulance slid into a ditch line. The ambulance was pulled out of the ditch line with no damage. The patient was taken by another ambulance to Clark Regional Medical Center. No injuries were sustained in the accident. The accident remains under investigation by Trooper Britt Rollins.

Outstanding PCHS band member chosen to play at Carnegie Hall - again



Krista Estep

Krista Estep, a student at Powell County High School, has been selected for the 2014 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She will perform at Carnegie Hall in February with the Honors Band playing French Horn. Participation in one of the three Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest rated high school performers from across North America and select schools internationally. Krista auditioned this fall for the Honors Performance Series and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in her application and audition recording. Krista will join other performers from the

United States, Canada, and select international schools for a special performance at world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement. According to Morgan Smith, Program Director, "Being selected to the Honors Performance Series is something

each Finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing. We process thousands of nominations annually, selecting only the most talented performers applying on an international level. Working with these conductors and performing at Carnegie Hall is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these student musicians never forget". Krista studies music with her dad Michael Estep and is a member of Powell County High School Marching and Concert Bands. Additionally, Krista is active in Lady Pirates Basketball, FBLA, FCA, Upper Room, Church Youth Group and Drama Team, Key Club and various other groups. Finalists will come together for five days in February 2014 in New York City to have the

opportunity to learn from HPS Conductors and work with other Finalists, and get a taste of New York City. The Sunday, Feb. 9, performance is open to the public and specially invited representatives from collegiate music programs. Tickets can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office at www.carnegiehall.org/boxoffice. The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual high school performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, Carnegie Hall. Learn more by visiting www.honorsperformance.org.

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Second Tuesday of the month
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• **Stanton City Council**
Second Thursday of the month
@ 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

• **Clay City Council**
Third Monday of the month
at 7 p.m. at the Clay City Municipal Building.

Local judges attend 'college' this past fall

Judges Fletcher and Miller attends Circuit Judges Fall College

Circuit Court Judge Frank A. Fletcher and Family Court Judge Larry Miller, who represents Powell, Wolfe and Breathitt counties, participated in the 2013 Circuit Judges Fall College that took place Nov. 18-20 in Lexington. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the judicial education program for the state's circuit judges. The judges received updates on case law and legislation and attended sessions on court technology, bail, e-discovery, and court interpreting for individuals who are deaf or non-English-speaking. The judges also heard from Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. about trends in the state court system. "While justice remains as the core of what we do, certain aspects of being a judge have changed since many of us took office," said Jefferson Family Court Judge

Stephen M. George, who was elected president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association at the college. "Today, the makeup of our citizenry is different, technology is part of everyday life and we're operating under a budget crisis. These factors affect the way judges carry out our duties, and it's important that we use the resources that are available to us to help us better serve the public." Circuit judges also had the opportunity to attend courses about problem-solving courts such as Veterans Treatment Courts and Drug Court, substance abuse issues, search and seizure, tax delinquency, and bankruptcy's effect on state court rulings. Another session focused on a judge's responsibilities in appointing counsel for defendants and in considering waivers of counsel from defendants who want to represent themselves. Circuit Court is the court of

general jurisdiction that hears civil matters involving more than \$5,000, capital offenses and felonies, divorces, adoptions, termination of parental rights, land dispute title cases and contested probate cases. The college also offered sessions specifically for Family Court judges about child traumatic stress and recent federal legislation on child abuse and neglect and children in foster care. Family Court is a division of Circuit Court. In counties that have Family Court, the court has primary jurisdiction in cases involving family issues, including divorces, adoption, child support, domestic violence and juvenile status offenses. The college included 18.75 hours of continuing education credit for the circuit judges. The AOC Division of Judicial Branch Education provides continuing education for judges and circuit court clerks.

Judge Profitt attends District Judges Fall College

District Court Judge Kenneth R. Profitt, who represents Powell, Wolfe and Breathitt counties, participated in the 2013 District Judges Fall College that took place Nov. 4-6 in Lexington. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the judicial education program for the state's district judges. The District Court judges attended courses about Veterans Treatment Courts, juvenile justice, human trafficking, cybercrime, substance abuse, court technology, and court interpreting for individuals who are deaf or non-English-speaking. The judges also heard from Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. about trends in the state court system. "Much about how the courts operate is different from when I took the bench 15 years ago," said District Court Judge Donald E. Armstrong Jr., who was elected president of the Kentucky District Judges Association at the college. "Changing demographics, the budget crisis and new technology are affecting how judges carry out our work. It's important for us to adapt to better serve the public and the legal community." The college also covered emergency protective orders and domestic violence orders, the bail schedule under House Bill 463 and new legislation and case law. District Court judges handle

juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, violations, traffic offenses, probate of wills, arraignments, felony probable cause hearings, small claims involving \$2,500 or less, civil cases involving \$5,000 or less, voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse. In Fiscal Year 2012, 752,821 District Court cases were filed statewide. The college included 17.75 hours of continuing education credit for the district judges. The AOC Division of Judicial Branch Education provides continuing education for the elected officials.

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accident. Cody Campbell was taken to the same hospital and later transferred to the UK Medical Center. There was no report as to his condition. However, police say that neither of the Campbell's was wearing a seatbelt. No air bags deployed either, but the car only had a driver's side air bag. A third person in Campbell's car, Jonathon Tinker, 25, of Stanton, was apparently not injured. There was no word of any injuries to Ledford as well. The first accident, which happened just before the fatal wreck, involved the witness to that accident. Brandenburg told officers that he came around the curve and his vehicle began to slide. He said he lost control and hit a steel post. Brandenburg

and his passenger, Mark A Brandenburg, were not injured. The third accident involved a first responder that came up on the fatal accident scene. Police reports say that Enoch Thomas, 43, of Stanton, was driving a truck owned by Red River Ranch east on Highway 11 when he saw the accident site. Thomas stopped his truck and began to back up into the westbound lane, hoping to slow down traffic coming that way. A van belonging to Rednour properties, driven by William P. Goodman, 63, of Stanton, saw Thomas's truck and tried to slow down, while Thomas tried to get over as far as he could. Goodman lost control on the icy roadway and hit Thomas' truck on the passenger side. No injuries were reported in the accident. Deputy Rice is investigating the three accidents.

DEER

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the Kentucky State Police from the Morehead Post. Trooper Joseph Zalone, Clay City Fire Department and Powell County EMS personnel responded to the scene. Hall was treated at the scene for neck and back injuries by Powell County EMS, and transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Mount Sterling. He was later released. "The sheriff's (Danny Rogers) phone has been ringing off the hook about

the break-ins in that area. So Danny called me and asked me to drive through there and see if anything looked suspicious. We've heard that the thieves have been using four-wheelers," explained Hall as to why he was on Black Creek Road that evening. "I'm a little sore. My head did hit the windshield, despite wearing a seatbelt, but it didn't break the skin. I was concerned that the air bag never deployed. But I'm OK." The accident remains under investigation by Trooper Joseph Zalone.

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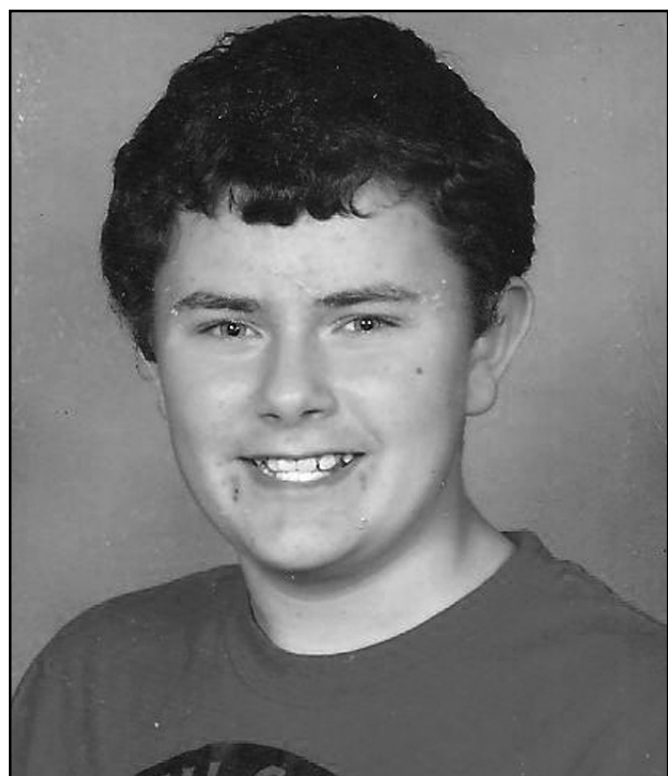


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Jordan Crowe

Crowe honored by USAA

Congratulations to Jordan Crowe, 14, a student at PCHS received an award from the United States Achievement Academy for 2013. I am proud of you everyday son keep up the good work.
Love, Dad

Retired teachers meet

Powell County Retired Teachers met Thursday night, Dec. 12, at the Stanton Christian Church. They enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner and a time of fellowship. They really enjoyed a fun game with the exchange of gifts.

Members attending were: Billy Rose, Carol Howell, Lorna Baker, Bea and Eck Snowden, Ovie Hollon, Nellie Anderson, Darryl and Linda Abner, Karen and Cebert Gilbert, Janice Pelfrey, Thelma Lambert, Betty Craft, Margareta Arnett, Lonnie Morris, and Jean Derickson. Guests were Jerlene Rose, David Baker, Kathy Morris, Josie Hollon and Dwayne Anderson.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10 at Whitaker Bank Community Room. Bring pizza or finger foods. See you then!

Martin celebrates 90th Birthday!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to a special mother and grandmother, Manda Martin. She has been a true Blessing to our family.

She has blessed us with 90 years of wisdom and love. Her many lessons will go with us throughout the years.

Manda is the mother of eight children, Helen George, Loretta McIntosh, Georgia Wireman, Jean Cunningham, Alfred Martin, Sheila McCoy, Bruce Martin, and Jackie Osborne.

She is the grandmother of 15 grandkids and 20 great-grandkids.

As with many quilts she has gently sewn together, she has tightly stitched together a family to last in love



Manda Martin

throughout the years. wishes you The Happiest
Your family loves and Birthday Ever!!!!

Charles bags his first deer



Matthew Charles, 12, got his first deer during the current Youth Hunt Weekend.

He is the son of Brian and Andrea Charles of Stanton.

Life saving opportunity is coming to Stanton

Nothing says helping our neighbors like a Community Blood Drive. So let's help some neighbors as the Kentucky Blood Center has announced there will be a blood drive in Stanton next week.

The blood drive is Tuesday, Jan. 14 from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Powell County Extension Office in Stanton. We hope to welcome at least 25 donors that day. Blood donors will receive a blood center T-shirt and a chance to win a \$200 VISA Gift Card. The VISA card drawing will be done Monday, Jan. 20

and will automatically include all KBC donors who give blood Jan. 11-17.

Donors must have a photo I.D. and proof of age to register to donate.

We suggest donors eat a meal at least two hours prior to giving blood, and they should also be well hydrated. It's good if they can drink a bottle of water within an hour or so of donating.

You can contact the Kentucky Blood Center at kybloodcenter.org and 800.775.2522.

Two Clay City residents graduate from MCU

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, Dr. Robert Imhoff, President of Mid-Continent University, conferred degrees to over 440 graduates. Commencement ceremonies were held at Mayfield High School in Mayfield, Kentucky.

The Mid-Continent University December 2013 graduating class represented a diverse group including a record number of over 420 Advantage students and a number of traditional students earning degrees from the James W. Cecil Baptist College of the Bible and The Baptist College of Arts and Sciences.

Two residents of Powell County were among the graduates. They are Marcia L. Buckland and Shayna Lee Campbell, both from Clay City. Campbell graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Congratulations to Mid-Continent University's December Class of 2013!

Applications being taken for Robinson's Scholar

The Robinson Scholars Program at the University of Kentucky is currently accepting applications for its high school enrichment program, called Robinson Leaders. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 17, 2014.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be in the freshman year of high school, reside in one of the 29 eastern Kentucky counties in the Robinson Scholars Program service area, and be a first generation student with an interest in obtaining a 4-year college degree. First generation students are those whose parents or legal guardians do not hold 4-year college degrees.

Those selected to be Robinson Leaders are eligible to participate in enrichment activities and summer camps provided by the Robinson Scholars Program, and they will be eligible to apply for the Robinson Scholarship, which is a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

The Robinson Leaders Program seeks current high school freshmen who demonstrate academic talent, participate in community service, and are involved in extra-curricular activities either in their schools or communities. A total of 87 Robinson Leaders will be chosen from the 29-county service region of the Robinson Scholars Program for the

2014 cohort. Of the 87 Leaders chosen, 29 students (one from each county) will be awarded a Robinson Scholarship. That award will be made during the student's junior year of high school.

Applications can be made online through the Robinson Scholars Program Web site at <http://www.uky.edu/RobinsonScholars>. Follow the link to the Robinson Leaders Application. Application instructions are provided. Students who do not have computer access may obtain a paper copy of the application and application instructions from either the Robinson Scholars Program or their high school guidance counselors.

First generation students in the following eastern Kentucky counties are eligible to participate in the program: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe.

For more information about Robinson Leaders, the Robinson Scholars Program, or the application process, visit the Robinson Scholars Web site or contact Jessica Watkins at 606-666-2438, extension 232.

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Guest Column: Attorney General Conway looks back at 2013 accomplishments



By JACK CONWAY
KY Attorney General

Serving as your Attorney General has been, and continues to be, one of the most gratifying experiences of my professional life. I remain committed to standing up for Kentucky families and protecting consumers across the Commonwealth, and I am so proud of what we have accomplished in the Office of the Attorney General since I took office six years ago.

We have recovered millions of dollars in restitution for Kentuckians who were taken advantage of by banks responsible for the mortgage foreclosure crisis, and we've taken action against Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) for its deceptive conduct toward consumers.

Additionally, my efforts to combat consumer protection abuses within the for-profit college industry remain strong. I have testified before Congress and participated in key Department of Education regulatory proceedings to curb abuses within the industry, and I've filed lawsuits against three for-profit institutions whose misleading recruitment practices have left too many students with worthless degrees and mountains of student loan debt.

I have pursued more abuse and neglect cases than any previous Attorney General, and I've sent a clear message that crimes against the elderly and vulnerable citizens will not be tolerated in Kentucky.

I've fought the prescription pill epidemic and as a result of House Bill 1, I've worked to shut down illegal pill mills where dangerous amounts of highly-addictive painkillers were being prescribed to patients. I am committed to increasing treatment options and awareness in our state and educating our children about this very important issue. To date, my Keep Kentucky Kids Safe partners and I have been in front of more than 30,000 students, teachers and parents to share our prescription drug abuse prevention message, and I strongly believe this initiative is paying dividends in the lives of our children.

Over the past several months, my staff has been preparing our 2013 Biennial Report to be released to Governor Beshear and members of the General Assembly. My staff and I would like to share some of the highlights of our many accomplishments from 2013 and since I took office in 2008.

- Consumer Protection
 - Recovered more than \$63.7 million in settlement-related relief on behalf of Kentucky consumers from the historic \$25 billion mortgage foreclosure settlement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers.
 - Approximately \$38 million allocated to consumers who qualified for refinancing, loan write downs and debt restructuring.
 - Distributed an addi-

tional \$19.2 million in settlement funds to agencies that create affordable housing, provide relief or legal assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure, redevelop foreclosed properties and reduce blight from vacant properties.

- Brought action against Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) alleging that MERS violated Kentucky law by failing to record mortgages with county clerks as required by Kentucky law. The lawsuit alleged that since MERS' creation in 1995, its members have avoided paying more than \$2 billion in recording fees nationwide.
- In late 2013, the Franklin Circuit Court issued a vital ruling allowing the Office of the Attorney General to continue its fight for Kentucky consumers and hold MERS accountable for its deceptive conduct under the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act.
- Filed a consumer protection lawsuit against Spencerian College over allegations that the for-profit school misrepresented job placement numbers to consumers. The Office of the Attorney General continues to litigate lawsuits against Daymar College and National College.
- Obtained two key rulings from Pike Circuit Court in the Commonwealth's case against Purdue Pharma, et al. involving the alleged illegal marketing of its opioid pain reliever OxyContin. The court ruled that the venue of the case should stay in Pike County and be heard by a Pike County jury. The court denied Purdue's motion to withdraw its admissions.
- Obtained a temporary

restraining order against Lexington-based Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing (FHTM) and its owners for operating an illegal pyramid scheme and making false earnings claims.

- Initiated action to protect Kentucky consumers who were attempting to obtain health insurance under the Affordable Care Act by requiring a company operating a website deceptively similar to the Kentucky health insurance exchange to take down its site.
- Cybercrimes & Cybersafety Education
 - Launched 54 new investigations in 2013, bringing the total number of investigations since I created the Cybercrimes Unit in 2008 to 375.
 - Seized 59,129 child pornographic images and videos from the Internet, bringing the total number seized to 422,639.
 - Made six arrests - 60 since 2008.
 - Unit has a 100 percent conviction rate.
 - Digital forensic lab processed 448 hard drives and removable devices in 2013, bringing the total number examined since 2008 to 6,385. This puts crucial digital evidence now involved in approximately 80 percent of crimes into the hands of law enforcement and prosecutors more quickly.
- Drug Diversion
 - Closed at least three illegal pain clinics and many more were not issued licenses to continue operating.
 - More than half of Kentucky's pain clinics have closed as a result of the 2012 implementation of House Bill 1, legislation that I worked with Governor Beshear, Senate President Robert Stivers, House Speaker Stumbo and other law-

makers to win passage of in an effort to prevent the abuse and diversion of prescription pills in the Commonwealth.

- The Office of the Attorney General's Drug Investigations Branch/Statewide Drug Diversion Task Force opened 16 cases and made three arrests on five counts. Since 2008, the Drug Branch has opened 455 cases and made 130 arrests on 396 counts.
- Warned more than 12,600 middle and high school students in 13 counties in 2013 about the dangers of prescription drug abuse through my Keep Kentucky Kids Safe program. Since its launch in 2010, we have carried this important message to more than 30,000 students, teachers and parents in more than 30 counties.
- Launched a college scholarship program for high school students affected by prescription drug abuse.
- Medicaid Fraud & Abuse
 - Awarded or recovered more than \$21 million in 2013 for the Kentucky Medicaid program and taxpayers, bringing the total amount awarded or recovered since 2008 to more than \$260 million for this vital state program.
 - Four charges in 2013 related to abuse and neglect, bringing the total number of charges since 2008 to 60, with 43 convictions.
 - Ten charges in 2013 related to Medicaid fraud with eight convictions, bringing the total number since 2008 to 38 charges and 33 convictions.
- Rate Intervention
 - Intervened in multiple utility rate matters before the Public Service Commission (PSC), result-

ing in annual savings of more than \$34.7 million for Kentucky ratepayers. Since 2008, my Office of Rate Intervention (ORI) has intervened in rate cases and other utility matters resulting in more than \$1.15 billion in savings for Kentucky ratepayers.

- Intervened in multiple cases involving Big Rivers Electric Corporation, resulting in more than \$20.3 million in avoided costs for Kentucky ratepayers.
- Jointly intervened with the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government in the Kentucky-American Water and Columbia Gas rate cases, resulting in savings of approximately \$14.4 million for area ratepayers.
- Special Prosecutions
 - Obtained guilty plea from former Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, who violated Kentucky election finance laws.
 - Obtained felony conviction of William Singleton, owner and operator of two Kentucky pain clinics, who directed doctors at the clinics to prescribe highly-addictive painkillers outside the scope of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose.
- It is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of this great Commonwealth as your 49th Attorney General. I have made it my priority to make Kentucky a safer place to live, work and raise a family, and my staff and I look forward to announcing new initiatives in 2014 that build upon that very commitment.

Guest Column: Renewed sense of 'Common Wealth'

By STATE TREASURER
TODD HOLLENBACH
Guest Columnist

The New Year brings a sense of renewal and resolution. It is when treadmills get dusted off and we try to quit bad habits. The reason that we feel this sense of renewal is that the New Year is also a time of reflection. We look back on what has passed and consider how we can go forward and make our lives better. This year, I am calling on all Kentuckians to look to the New Year as an opportunity to renew our sense of "common wealth". I'm asking that you join me in making 2014 the year of a "United Kentucky."

The new legislative session is about to begin, and we are all too familiar with the partisanship that can prevent changes we need in our Commonwealth. But more than just politics divides Kentuckians. Party, geography, and economics all prevent us from working together. This year, in this session, I am calling on our legislators to be an example to all of Kentucky and to redirect their focus to our commonalities rather than to the differences between us. At our core, we

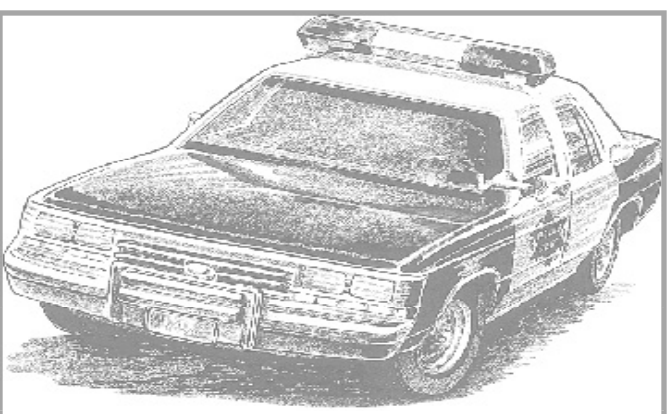
each have the same goal, a better life and a better Kentucky.

Our urban and rural areas need to begin to come together. Whether you look out your front window and see a cityscape, mountains, or farmland, we all look out our window and see Kentucky. When one of our areas is in need, it affects all of us. Rather than think of our own region, isolated in its needs, we need to look beyond ourselves at the needs everywhere. Our regions' needs often seem very different, but by taking the time to understand each other's needs, we may find the similarities among us. And we can work together to achieve our goals.

L.I.F.T. (Local Investments For Transformation) and Coal Severance may seem unrelated on the surface, yet, their goals are the same. L.I.F.T., being advocated by Mayors Greg Fischer, Jim Gray and others, is an initiative to generate local revenue in a way that allows those living in that area to decide their own fate, and determine what is needed in that region. Coal Severance initiatives, like the ones being advocated by Representatives Fitz Steele, Leslie Combs and others, seek the same goal, allowing those who generate revenue to decide how that rev-

enue can best uplift the area. I am working with elected officials who represent areas affected by both these issues. We are working together to see both through for the betterment of Kentucky. We can support our own regions by looking beyond them. We can look outside our self-defined borders to do great work within them. We can help ourselves by helping each other.

The New Year is a chance to renew ourselves and there are opportunities all around us to renew and revitalize Kentucky. But first, we have to decide to see past the differences that divide us, and look for what brings us together. We need to make the effort to come together. Patrick Henry once stated "Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs." The Kentucky motto itself is "United we stand, divided we fall." Let us all remember this wisdom and work together across our commonwealth. I'm calling on all Kentuckians to join me in this New Year's resolution in making 2014 and every year after a "United Kentucky."



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Is your Herd bull ready for Winter?

For the most part, most beef cattle producers don't give their herd bull much thought during this time of year. He basically is off duty, just largely ignored. We just make sure he has enough to eat and has water in liquid form-then he is good to go.

Even though its winter and your bull won't have to get busy until mid-May to early June, it pays to make sure your herd bull is taken care of this winter.

All bulls should be physically evaluated each fall or early winter. Examine his feet, legs, eyes, body condition, external reproductive structures and his mobility. It is important that bulls go into the hard part of the winter with sound feet and legs.

Winter time usually means poor footing conditions due to ice and snow. Bulls with poor feet and legs are much more likely to be injured during this time of year. Bulls with mobility problems due to injury or age need to be considered for culling. As bulls get older and heavier, mobility problems increase. Mature bulls used for fall calving

Farmer's Almanac has lots of interesting information

season cows should be in a body condition score of 5. Younger bulls should start the season in a body condition score of 6.

Management for bulls that pass their physical exam should focus on proper nutrition, sufficient exercise and prevention of injury. Mature bulls, young bulls and yearling bulls should be separated. Bull pens should be relatively large and on level to rolling ground. Barns or sheds are not entirely necessary this time of year, but access to some type of windbreak or woods should always be provided.

During extremely cold weather like we have this week, all animals should have some type of windbreak and even bedding in their pasture to lie in.

Good quality hay should be available to your bull at all times. Bulls will consume 35-45 pounds of feed daily. Young bulls need to continue to gain about two pounds of weight per day.

Young bulls should receive good quality hay and a grain supplement this time of year. Supplements should be fed at about 8-10 pounds per bull per day. Mineral supplements for bulls should be free choice, containing complete vitamin and mineral supplementation.

Like most of us guys this winter, bulls should be forced to exercise each day. The best way to do this might be to put the



With winter blasting its way into the area, make sure you have your herd bull ready.

hay as far from the water source as possible. Make them walk to the refrigerator!

Long pens or fields are ideal to force bulls to stay in shape over the winter. At least once a week, beef producers should observe their bulls closely for signs of any physical problems or runny eyes and noses. Proper management of your bull this winter will enable producers to avoid breeding problems this spring when the birds eventually sing again.

Start watching your herd for Lice

Lice can suck the profits out of your beef cattle during the winter. These cold-loving pests spread when animals bunch together in response to frigid temperatures, and we've already had plenty of those.

You can reduce potential lice problems on cattle by keeping new animals separate from your herd until you've given them a thorough louse treatment, generally two applications of a contact insecticide.

The first application kills active adults and immature lice, but it won't destroy nits on the hide. A second application targets new hatchlings from the nits and any other lice still around. Be sure to follow the label instructions on treatment intervals. After these two treatments, you can add new animals to the herd with minimal chance of lice problems during the winter.

Don't use systemic insecticides during the winter unless you know the treatment history of newly bought cattle.

This is because migrating grubs might be in sensitive locations and cause an adverse reaction this time of year.

Reviewing the Farmer's Almanac

I purchased a Farmer's Almanac over the holidays basically to just review the prediction for this year's winter and to let people know when to plant their peas and beans later on this spring. Unfortunately the Almanac does not give us a good forecast for January or February, here in the Ohio valley. In fact it's prediction summed up is "Biting, Cold and Snowy!"

The Almanac states: Jan 12-15 heavy rain and snow to Ohio valley into Virginia; 16-19 snow and flurries; 20th-23 clearing and cold; 24-27 turning colder with widespread

fog (could this be ice??) Jan. 28-31 rain and heavy snow for Ohio valley and points south!

February, especially the middle of the month calls for "unseasonably cold temperatures with snow and more snow!!!! I guess we will just have to wait and see. We all knew we were in for a bad winter. We really haven't had one for several years.

Also in the Farmer's Almanac on a more positive note, things you might read include the following: expect a complete eclipse of the moon on April 15, 2014; The planet Jupiter will be very visible in the early morning sky this month.

Those of us who drink three cups of coffee each day will decrease their chances of getting dementia by 65 percent.

If your dog gets into a skunk this year, treat it with 1 quart of hydrogen peroxide, 1/4th cup of baking soda and 2 teaspoons of dishwashing detergent to get the smell off.

A cow's gestation period is 283 days. A human is 280 days.

The average lifespan of your dog will be 10 years, but my donkey will probably live and have to be fed for 45 years!!!! Happy New Year to me!

These and several other humorous and interesting ideas and facts can be found in an almanac this month. Many of them, like the weather, may just be anyone's wild guess!

Have a good 2014!!!

Help hungry Kentuckians eat better

By **TAMARA SANDBERG**
Special to the Times

Is your New Year's resolution to eat more fruits and vegetables? Chances are it should be! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention most Kentuckians are not consuming the recommended daily amount, which is to fill half of our plate with fruits and vegetables at each meal.

Low-income households consume fewer fruits and vegetables than higher income households. That help explains what may seem like a strange contradiction. One in 6 Kentuckians lacks consistent access to enough food for a healthy, active lifestyle. Yet Kentucky also has the 7th highest obesity rate in the nation.

When a family is forced to make tough choices such as paying for food versus paying for utilities, as are 34 percent of Kentucky's food bank clients, fresh produce can often be the last thing on the grocery shopping list.

At the same time, Kentucky's fruit and vegetable market has much room for growth. Though surrounding states have

similar climate, soil and history of tobacco dependence, Ohio has 3 times the amount of cropland acreage harvested for fruits and vegetables, Virginia has 9 times as much, and North Carolina has 16 times as much.

We can do a better job growing our own food in Kentucky. Farmers need support during the transition from tobacco to increase the economically feasibility of producing fruits and vegetables.

The Kentucky Association of Food Banks wants you to know there is an easy way to help make a difference in the lives of children and families in need while supporting farmers. Starting this January, state income taxpayers can donate a portion of their refund to the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund.

Administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the fund is intended to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for the distribution of Kentucky-grown surplus agricultural commodities to low-income individuals.

Our Farm to Food Banks program increases consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables among struggling Kentuckians while increasing cash

flow for farmers. We provide a market for produce that retailers don't want because of minor blemishes or size discrepancies. Farmers are able to recoup losses for product they would not have been able to sell otherwise, and healthy food is consumed rather than being plowed under in the field.

Since 2011 we have distributed enough Kentucky-grown produce to fill half a plate full of fruits and vegetables for 4.8 million meals across the Commonwealth. Nearly 3 million pounds of fresh, healthy food was consumed by hungry families rather than going to waste because of a lack of market for it. And over 500 Kentucky farmers have benefitted

from an average of \$950 in increased cash flow.

In recognition of the benefit of the program to the Commonwealth, Governor Beshear has declared January Farms to Food Banks Month.

Just check the box on line 37 of your tax return to donate a portion of your refund to the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund. Every \$1.00 donated can help provide enough fruits and vegetables for 5 meals. It's that easy to help ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors have enough healthy food to eat each day.

Tamara Sandberg is the executive director of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks.



Powell County Native, Charlie Johnson
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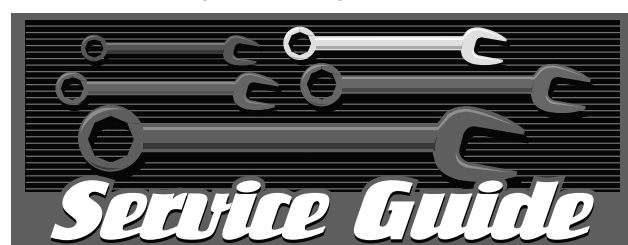
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Donald Boyd, 75

Donald Ray Boyd, 75, South Fork Road, loving husband, father, and friend, passed away Monday, Dec. 23, 2013 at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He was the former operator of Boyd's Chevron and Boyd's Hauling. He was born Aug. 11, 1938 in Powell County to the late Elmer and Mary Etta King Boyd.



He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Verma Glass Boyd; daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Bobby Barnes, Mt. Sterling; son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Misty Boyd, Stanton; two grandchildren, Chase and Haley Barnes, Mt. Sterling; sister and brother-in-law, Treva and Raymond Boyd, Stanton; nephews, Terry and wife, Donna Boyd and Rick and wife, Kathleen; niece,

Ginger Kidd; several great nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Mary Etta Boyd.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and some of his most enjoyable times were spent entertaining his family and friends.

Services were held on Friday, Dec. 27 at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton by Rev. Gary Willoughby. Burial was in Tin Town Cemetery with Bobby Barnes, Chase Barnes, Terry Boyd, Rick Boyd, Shannon Boyd, Jeff Boyd, Raymond Boyd, Doyle Glass, Reid Glass, Kyle Braden, Garner Humphrey, Bobby Hall, Ted Johnson, Otis Knox, J L Maloney, Paul Ogle, and Reece Foster as pallbearers.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Ertel Medicine, Clark Regional Medical Center ER staff, UK Medical Center MICU staff, Powell County Ambulance service, and Saint Joseph Cardiology Associates for their care and dedication. Your care and dedication will never be forgotten.

Amy Campbell, 35

Amy Campbell, 35, of Stanton, wife of Cody Campbell, passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 from injuries she received in an auto accident. She was a housewife and a member of the Nada Baptist Mission.

She is survived by her parents, Gary and Charlene Brewer, of Pine Ridge; her husband, Cody Campbell, of Stanton; two sons, Brayden Griffin, of Beattyville and Kolton Campbell, of Stanton; three daughters, Jessica Willis, Kaitlin Willis and Hailie Willis all of Pine Ridge; one brother, Shawn Brewer, of Pine Ridge; and one sister, Dianna Brewer, of Stanton.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel in Clay City with Bro. Jeff Wood officiating. Burial was in The Trent Family Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Hank P. Centers, 53

Hank Paul Centers, 53, of North Sipple Street, Stanton, died on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 at U. K. Chandler Hospital in Lexington. Born in Winchester, he was the son of Marie Spencer Centers and the late Paul Centers. He was a former employee of Powell Manufacturing and he was the Pastor of Grace Pentecostal Church in Mt. Sterling.

He is survived by his wife, Regina Roseberry Centers and his mother, Marie Centers both of Stanton; one brother, Rondle Gene and his wife Nancy Centers of Jeffersonville; and by his sister, Noomie Sue and her husband Roy Edward Harper of Clay City.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Tommy Evans were held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in Resthaven Cemetery with Johnny Roseberry, Aaron Harper, Casey



Creech, Billy Centers, Nelson Jackson and Larry Ray Centers serving as pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Ogielene Collins, 74

Ogielene Collins, 74, passed away on Dec. 30, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital-Berea.

Ogielene was born on July 2, 1939 in Wolfe County. She was the daughter of the late Roy and Mary Dunn Poe, both of whom preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and was of the holiness faith. She greatly enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: one son, Ronnie Poe (Pam), of Clay City; four daughters, Ann Darland (Dale), of Lexington, Thelma "Bunny" Burdette, of Berea, and Teresa Harrison (Dale) and Sylvia "Sam" Renfro, both of Richmond; one brother, Roy Fee Poe; four sisters, Rose Trent, Orlene Fox, Joyce Rison, and Pauline Powell; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two son-in-laws.

Funeral services for Ogielene Collins were conducted on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 with Bro. Jerry Castle officiating. Burial followed in the Richmond Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chad Poe, Brad Harrison, Nathan Harrison, Dwayne Harrison, Robert Burdette, and Brandon Renfro. Honorary pallbearers were Shayne Burdette, Jimmy Collins, and Bryan Renfro.

Condolences may be expressed at www.orpfh.com.

Ova Combs, III, 33

Ova Combs III, 33, Stanton, passed away, Dec. 29, 2013 at The University of Kentucky Hospital, after a short illness. Born Dec. 26, 1980, son of the late Ova Combs Jr. and Wilma Combs, Ova was an avid UK fan, and loved spending time with his daughter.

Ova is survived by his wife, Jeanie Proffitt Combs of Stanton, and their 5-year old daughter, Kendall. Also surviving is his mother, Wilma Combs, and stepmother, Linda Hendrick; sisters, Alisha Combs and Dalina Bradley; a brother, Greg Combs; and a half brother, Eddie McDuffard; mother and father-in-law, Nannie and Scooter Moreland; sister-in-law, Amanda Proffitt; brother-in-law, Jeff and Betsy Moreland; nieces and nephews, Dylan Neal, Alexia Baker, Michael Moreland, Savanna Dawson, Makayla Proffitt, Blake Banks; and several uncles and aunts. He loved all his family and friends.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Davis and Davis Funeral Home, Stanton, by Rev. Henry Johnson. Burial was in the Rogers Family Cemetery with Keith Rogers, Darrell Rogers, Dwayne Rogers, Dean Rogers, Josh Rogers, Jeff Moreland, Keith Proffitt, Ray Rogers, and Matthew Brinegar serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Dennis Randall, Mr. Randall, Sammy Campbell, Brian Evans, John McQuinn, Kevin Tharpe, Eddie McDuggard, Dylan Neal and Kevin Townsend.



Jimmie Feltner, 68

Jimmie "Pie" Feltner, 68, of Stanton, passed away at his residence Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. He was a self-employed painter and a former coal miner.

He is survived by one son, Dennis Feltner, of Hazard; three daughters, Fran Feltner, of Stanton, Becky Scott, of Georgetown and Leahla Feltner, of Clay City; 22 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; five brothers, Ralph Feltner, of Beattyville, Freeman Feltner, of Hazard, Shade Feltner, of Happy, Gary Feltner, of Hazard and Vondal Feltner, of Stanton; and one sister, Wanda Reynolds, of Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lute and Evalee Feltner, five brothers and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel in Clay City. Friends may visit Thursday from 6 p.m. until time of the service. Grayson Funeral Home is in charge of services.



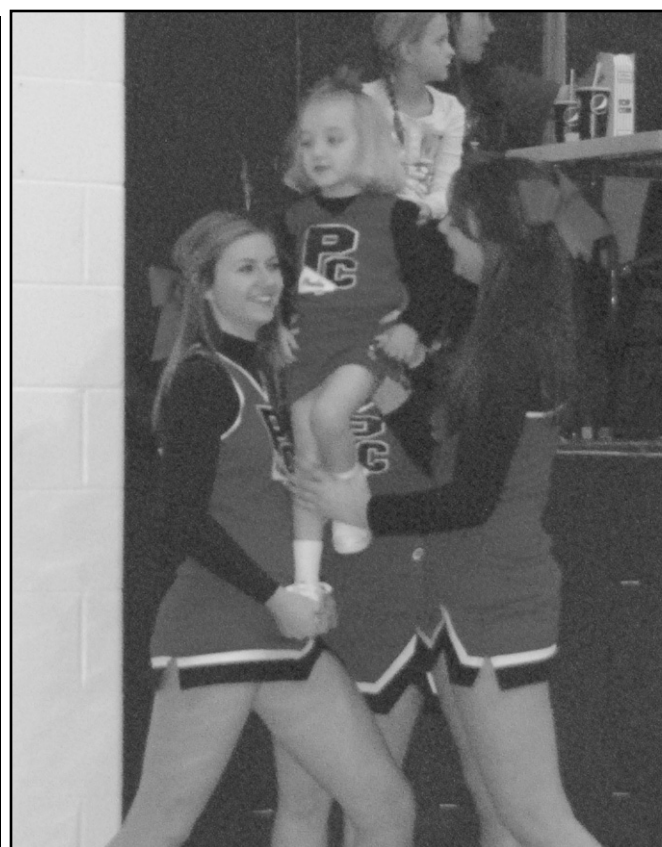
Powell falls to Knott to open the New Year

By GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Basketball Pirates finished the 2013 portion of the season with a 6 - 6 record. The Pirates had faced a tough early season schedule. The first game of the 2014 part of the season would be just as tough. Powell traveled to Knott County Central the Saturday following the New Year. Knott, two-time defending 14th Region Champions, is ranked number one in the region again this season. The Pirates would be without its two leading scorers, Caleb McCoy and Brett Goodwin, as well. The Pirates would hang tough in the first part of the game but Knott quickly wore down the Pirates. Knott Central cruised to a 77 - 45 win at home.

The Pirates were led in scoring by Matt Brooks, Austin Mullins and Bradley Cornett all with 9 points each for the game.

Powell now stands at 6 - 7 overall for the season and 2 - 0 in district play. The Pirates were scheduled to face district opponent Estill County this past Tuesday at home. Powell faces Lee County this Friday in another district game at home. Saturday, Powell battles Jackson City at home as well.



Never too young to start

Times Photo by James Cook
Carlee Molihan, daughter of Anthony and Holly Molihan, got a boost up for her own cheerleading stunt at a recent Pirates ball game. Just goes to show that you're never too young to start chasing a dream.

Who's running in the May Primary?

Here is a list of candidates filing to run for office in Powell County in the May 2014 Primary as of Monday.

The last day to file is Jan. 28.

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Myers Arnett (D)
Kevin Babcock (D)
Logan Faulkner (D)
Eddie Barnes (R)

County Attorney

Robert Graham King (D)

County Clerk

Rhonda Allen Barnett (D)
Willard Lawrence (Larry) Drake (D)

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Danny Rogers (R)
Sammy Hall (D)
Phillip Frazier (D)
James Bowman (D)
H.K. Goodwin (D)

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Travis Crabtree (D)

County Coroner

Hondo Hearne (D)

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Dustin Billings (D)

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District 3
Michael Lockard, (D)
James (Jimmy) Reed, (D)

District 4
Timmy Tipton, (D)
John Barker, Jr., (D)
Ronnie Spencer (R)
District 5
Donna Gabbard, (D)
Carlos Rogers, (D)

Constable

District 4
Jesse Miles (D)
District 5
Gerald Bishop (D)
Larry Willoughby (D)

Powell County School Calendar

Jan. 20	MLK Day - No School
Feb. 6	4th Six Weeks Ends
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Mar. 19	5th Six Weeks Ends

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Finding your safety net



By SARAH BLOOM
Times Lifestyle Columnist

When I was a little girl, probably five or six years old, I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in a tap dance and ballet class, baton lessons and gymnastics. The highlights of those tap and ballet lessons were the dance recitals held on the stage at the high school. All of our hard work throughout the year would be showcased before our family and friends complete with the most adorable costumes full of glitter and sequence. For that small moment in time we were all the stars of Broadway, or at least in our minds.

There were several different classes from the youngest to the older pre-teen and teenage girls. Each year the different age groups would perform in the recital to chosen themes. I can remember looking to the older girls and thinking how truly beautiful they looked in their glittery leotards.

My older cousin, Jennifer, was one of those dancers. I look back fondly on the many times she and my cousin Christy and I would dress up in her old recital costumes and dance to Michael Jackson in her basement. We thought we were hot stuff, strutting around awkwardly in mismatched high heels and those shiny leotards.

One year my dance class chose to do our recital performance to the hit movie “Annie”. We were going to incorporate tap and ballet and even have a costume change. Though it was many years ago I can still see my shiny new outfits as if they were sitting before me. One of them was a light pink, with silver sequence lining the edges and pretty wristlets. The other was made to resemble Annie’s dog, Sandy, complete with ears made from a shiny silver material attached to a headband.

Not only did we tap and perform ballet we also sang the famous “Tomorrow” made so popular by that timeless red head herself. Now I have never considered myself more than a shower singer. But I figured that I could just blend in with the girls around me.

This is where my absolute excitement turned into a pure panic moment. My teacher chose me to step out of the safety of the group and perform a

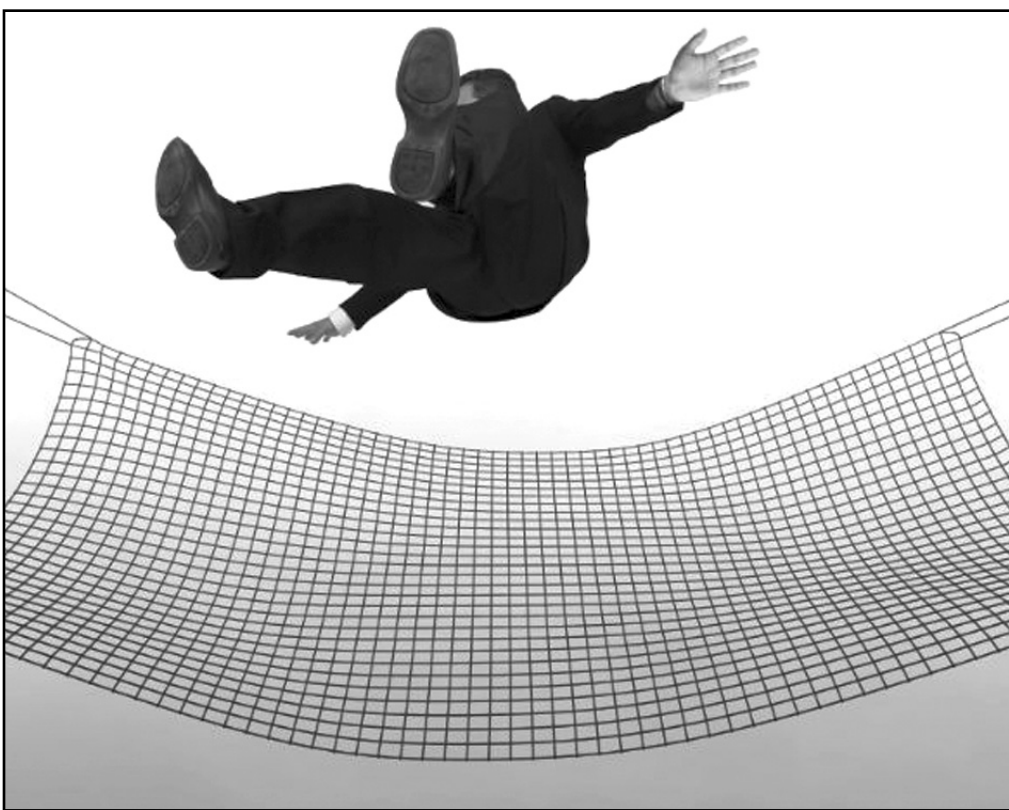
solo. Me? Why me? I knew that by staying with the group I could get away with just moving my lips, but now I would be center stage...alone.

As the big day approached I tried to push aside the thought of my impending solo performance. Maybe my teacher would just forget about that part and allow us all to sing together. The recital went along as planned as we tapped and twirled. Then I heard the strains of “Tomorrow” begin to play.

From the side of the stage I saw my teacher motion for me to step forward. As I shuffled to the front I instantly began scanning the audience for my safety net...my mom. There she was looking up at me with encouraging eyes as I quietly began my solo.

As most embarrassed little girls do I began singing into my chest trying to keep my head down as much as possible. Weakly I squeaked out, “The sun’ll come out...Tomorrow... Bet your bottom dollar that Tomorrow...There’ll be sun...”

Looking up to find the comfort of my mom’s face I noticed she had her hand cupped around her ear as she encouraged me to sing louder and toward the audience. I decided to just focus on her; I didn’t want to let



her down. After all she had put forth the effort to ensure I made it to all of my classes and lessons, sitting patiently as I practiced.

Forcing myself to look up I began to belt out the words with all that was in me. As I reached the part of the song, “I just stick out my chin, and grin, and say....” I made it a point to shove my little chin up in the air for dramatic emphasis. By then in my mind, I was Annie herself, singing on Broadway. In reality I probably sounded more like a squeaky mouse, but that was my moment, a moment that would not have been possible without the love and encouragement of my mom...my

number one fan.

Looking back on those great memories just reaffirms to me how important it is to be a great parent. For a child to know you care makes all the difference in the world. It doesn’t take money, fame or prestige to be there for them, it just takes love and support. Fuel the fire to their dreams no matter the cost or commitment required and when I speak of cost it does not necessarily mean money. Our children should be our greatest investment and our hands should be folded in prayer for them on a daily basis.

As Christians we are blessed to know that when the pressures of life weigh us down, when we

feel as though we can’t look up, we know our safety net is right there in the audience.

All we have to do is look up to see the love and encouragement of our heavenly Father. He is our number one supporter when the world is against us and His approval is what we should seek.

“The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me?” Psalm 118:6

Have a blessed week everyone and I pray you are all staying warm!

Feel free to contact me at lucybloom12@gmail.com or by mail at CCT, P.O. Box 650, Clay City, KY 40312.

Join in the fight against hunger in Kentucky

By JAMES COMER

*Ky. Agriculture Commissioner
Guest Columnist*

Kentuckians are some of the most generous folks you will ever meet. It’s part of our culture and values to share from our abundance with those who are less fortunate. This year, we all will have a new opportunity to do just that.

In Kentucky, 1 in 6 of our neighbors is food insecure, which means they lack consistent access to enough nutritious food for an active, healthy life. The rate is even worse for our children: Nearly 1 in 4 children in Kentucky is food insecure. This is unacceptable in any circumstance, but particularly in a state that is blessed with an abundance of natural resources.

That’s why I’m asking all Kentuckians to join me in

donating a portion of your state income tax refund to the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund. Administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the fund is intended to provide grants to nonprofits for the distribution of Kentucky-grown surplus agricultural commodities to low-income individuals.

One such nonprofit is the Kentucky Association of Food Banks. Its Farms to Food Banks program helps low-income Kentuckians get the fresh foods they need for themselves and their families while creating a new market for Kentucky farm products. Since 2011, the program has distributed enough Kentucky-grown produce to fill half a plate full of fruits and vegetables for nearly 5 million meals across the Commonwealth. At the same time, the program has created an average of \$950 in new income for more than 500 Kentucky farmers.

To raise awareness of the need among low-income

Kentuckians and the opportunity to give to the trust fund, January has been set aside as Farms to Food Banks Month in Kentucky. I will join the Kentucky Association of Food Banks at a rally in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort on Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. EST. Please join us if you can.

One of my top priorities as agriculture commissioner is to generate economic development through agriculture, and the Farms to Food Banks program helps us to accomplish that goal. At the same time, it enables less fortunate Kentuckians to serve healthful meals to their families.

I hope Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth will join me in supporting this effort to help Kentucky’s needy and Kentucky’s farmers. Look for the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund box on your income tax form.

By 2 to 1 margin Kentuckians support statewide ban on smoking in public places

By KY HEALTH NEWS

Special to the Times

By more than 2 to 1, the heaviest margin ever, Kentucky adults favor a state law to ban smoking in most public places, including restaurants and bars, according to the latest public poll on the issue.

A statewide smoking ban was favored by 65 percent and opposed by 29 percent in the latest Kentucky Health Issues Poll, conducted Oct. 25 through Nov. 26 by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. In fall 2011, 59 percent favored it and 38 percent opposed it. The polls’ error margin is plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

The largest shifts in opinion occurred among Democrats and independents, and in Western Kentucky, Northern Kentucky and the Lexington area. “It’s not a partisan issue. It’s become a health issue,” said Susan Zepeda, president and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, which sponsored the poll with Interact for Health, formerly the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.

In the latest poll, support for a smoking ban jumped 10 points among Democrats, to 69 percent, while Republicans stayed steady at 64 percent. But the larger error margins for those smaller samples mean that there is no statistical difference between the parties. Among independents, 57 percent supported the proposed law, up from 44 percent the year before.

Such shifts might indicate that a smoking ban could get farther in the General Assembly than in the past two sessions, when it got out of a House committee but did not receive a floor vote. So could the geographic shifts in opinion, especially in Western Kentucky, where local smoking bans are less common than in the state’s more heavily populated areas. The legislative session begins Tuesday, Jan. 7.

In the 42 counties the poll defines as Western Kentucky, which had been the region least supportive of a ban, the poll found that 65 percent of adults now favor it, while only 30 percent oppose it. A year earlier, the split was 53-44, and the error margin of plus or minus 5.48 percentage points for that small sample made it a statistical tie.

Similar shifts were seen in Northern Kentucky,



where 66 percent now favor a statewide ban, and in Lexington, where it is backed by 71 percent, more than in any other geographic area. Lexington has had a local ban for 10 years, and the University of Kentucky bans smoking anywhere on campus.

The region least supportive of a ban is now Appalachian Kentucky, but even there, 62 percent favor it while 34 percent oppose it. The region showed the smallest change in opinion from the year before, when the split was 58-40. Until the latest poll, Appalachian opinion on the issue had been virtually the same as statewide opinion. The poll defines Appalachian Kentucky as the 46 counties in the Big Sandy, Buffalo Trace, Cumberland Valley, Fivco, Gateway, Kentucky River and Lake Cumberland area development districts.

The Appalachian results may reflect the fact that the region is where residents are most likely to be smokers. The poll found little if any change among smokers’ support for a ban, rising one point to 38 percent. Among former smokers, it rose to 72 percent; among those who said they had never smoked, there was a 9-point increase, to 84 percent. One-third of those surveyed said they were smokers, slightly higher than

more comprehensive surveys generally show.

Zepeda, who regularly tracks health issues and discussions of them, said she and the foundation staff were surprised at the large overall increase in support for the proposed law. She said it might have been caused in part by an increased “understanding about the inability to pick where you work,” especially in a state where unemployment is still above 8 percent. She said someone who opens a restaurant door and smells cigarette smoke can go to another restaurant much more easily than workers in smoky workplaces can find a smoke-free place to work.

The foundation noted in its press release that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in 2006 that no level of secondhand smoke is safe, and recommended that all indoor smoking be eliminated.

While the foundation does not lobby and generally doesn’t express opinions on pending legislation, Zepeda said, “We do feel the data are compelling, that not smoking is better for Kentuckians, and not breathing other people’s smoke is better for Kentuckians. . . . All told, it would be good for the health of Kentucky if there were a statewide smoke-free law or regulation.”

Kentucky leads the nation in percentage of adults and children who smoke, and in lung cancer and deaths from it. Asked if cigarettes are the No. 1 factor in the state’s poor health status, Zepeda said, “It is a strong contributing factor. I think nutrition and [lack of] physical activity are up there, as well.”

Business owners who oppose local smoking ordinances or health-board regulations, because they fear losing customers to adjoining areas without such bans, might prefer a statewide law, Zepeda said. The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce favors it, mainly as a way to reduce employers’ health costs.

Zepeda said that as federal health reform uses tax dollars to bring health coverage to more people, more taxpayers may see the benefits of measures to discourage smoking. Kentucky is among the states expanding the Medicaid program to households with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line; the federal government will pay the entire cost of that until 2017, when the state will start paying increasing shares, topping out at 10 percent in 2020.

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Community Blood Drive

The blood drive is Tuesday, Jan. 14 from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Powell County Extension Office in Stanton. We hope to welcome at least 25 donors that day. Blood donors will receive a blood center T-shirt and a chance to win a \$200 VISA Gift Card. The VISA card drawing will be done Monday, Jan. 20 and will automatically include all KBC donors who give blood Jan. 11-17. Donors must have a photo I.D. and proof of age to register to donate. We suggest donors eat a meal at least two hours prior to giving blood, and they should also be well hydrated. It's good if they can drink a bottle of water within an hour or so of donating. You can contact the Kentucky Blood Center at kybloodcenter.org and 800.775.2522.

Weight Watchers Meeting

Weight Watchers will meet every Tuesday at the Stanton First Church of God located at 980 E. College Avenue. The weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Red River Bowhunters

Red River Bowhunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through the end of March. For more information call 606-481-0959.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Friends of Powell County's Pets will be hosting a spay/neuter clinic at the Stanton Fire Station on Jan. 18. Advance appointments are required and space is limited. Call 606-481-9430 to reserve a spot. Leave a message and a volunteer will return your call. Prices range from \$48 to \$68 depending on gender and size of your pet. Annual shots are included in this price. Maximum weight is 75 lbs at this mobile clinic.

Baseball Academy

Powell County High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting March 9. Powell County head coach Chris Varney will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning. Proceeds from the program benefit amateur baseball in Stanton. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBasketballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

Veterans Support Group

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

Cruising Car Club Meeting.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011



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CHURCH NEWS

Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet at the Clay City Baptist Church located on the corner of 7th Street and 8th Avenue behind the Clay City Restaurant. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m. on each Saturday.

Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

Community Calendar and Church News announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement. Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone. Deadline for announcements is Monday at 5 p.m.

AND CHURCH

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Stanton Assembly of God, Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

BAPTIST

Clay City Baptist, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

Crossroads Baptist, 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday School 3 pm; Sunday Worship Service 4 pm; 606-663-5796.

Emmanuel Baptist, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300.; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

Friendship Baptist Church, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.

Mill Knob Baptist Church, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

Morris Creek Missionary Baptist, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Bess Goss. Jr. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am.

Powell's Valley Baptist, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

Rehoboth Baptist Mission, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Baptist, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

West Bend Baptist, 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

Calvary Baptist Church, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

CATHOLIC

Our Lady Of The Mountains Church, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

CHRISTIAN

Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; Interim Pastor, Jim Hutchison Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Small Groups and Youth Groups at 6 p.m. Meal and Open Gym at 7 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Small Groups for all ages 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bowen Church of Christ, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Cat Creek Church of Christ, Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwayne Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

Clay City Church of Christ, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Stanton Church of Christ, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

Bowen First Church of God, 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Clay City First Church of God, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Hatcher's Creek Church of God, , Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Knowlton Church of God, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

Living Water Church, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

More Than Enough Ministries Church of God, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,

Morris Creek First Church of God, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Mountain Parkway Church of God, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

New Beginnings Church of God, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

Slade Church of God, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

Stanton First Church of God, 980 E. College Ave.

P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T.; Moli-han minister.

Vaughn's Mill First Church of God, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

West Bend Church of God, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyatt , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

West Bend First Church of God, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

Christian Fellowship Church of God, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

UNITED METHODIST

Clay City United Methodist, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester.; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

Hardwicks Creek United Methodist, Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

Shiloh United Methodist, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

West Bend United Methodist, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Harvestime Assembly 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony

Story, 606-663-9866.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

OTHER

Airport Chapel, Stanton, Scooby Faulkner, Min.

Blessed Assurance Church, 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

Three Cross Mission Church, Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY

Full Gospel Church, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

House of Prayer For All People, Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.

Nada Baptist Mission, Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

Never Ending Grace Community Church, 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Pine Grove C.M.E. Church, 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.

Spirit of Life in Christ Church 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.

Vaughns Mill Community Church, hosting God's Fresh Start Church 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.

Wings of Love Church, 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.

Wildwood Chapel, 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606-663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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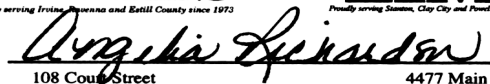
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ENCOURAGING WORD: THE BLESSING OF FRIENDSHIP



Howard Coop

Guest Columnist

For always and ever, now and forever, little things mean a lot.

Those words, written by Edith Lindeman and published in 1953, were made famous when Kitty Kallen sang a popular song that contained them. But they are more than words from a hit song of years past; they state a simple and significant truth about life: Little things do mean a lot, for they can point to something beyond themselves.

It is a little thing that I have carried it in my pocket for sometime. I received it when a friend greeted me enthusiastically, extended his hand in friendship, and said with a smile, "I have something for you." Then, he gave me a little brown nut - a buckeye, told me to keep it in my pocket, and assured me that it would do amazing things for me.

Now, according to folklore, the little brown nut known as a buckeye is

a "lucky piece." When carried in the pocket, it has a reputation of doing amazing things. It, according to traditional folklore, can be a "sure preventive of rheumatism and arthritis."

Although I have carried that little nut for sometime, I have not noticed any relief from the arthritis in my joints; they are still sore, and I have just as much pain in them as I had before I received that little nut. But I have noticed one thing: Every time I feel or see that little nut, I am reminded of my friend, and I am made aware of the value of human friendship. Then I remember that an anonymous individual gave us this: "Life has no blessing like a prudent friend," and James Langston Hill reminds us, "Friendship, indeed, is one of the greatest boons God can bestow on man. It is a union of our finest feelings; a disinterested binding of hearts, and a sympathy between two souls."

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Pirates defeat Lee on the road, go 2-2 at Berea Tourney

By GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Basketball team started off slow this season with a 1-3 record. Powell traveled to Lee County this past Tuesday for a district battle. Lee County had been struggling this year as well under a new coach. The Pirates were looking for their second district win of the season.

Powell started out in the hole 6-0 before getting a layup by Austin Mullins. Lee County continued to increase their lead to 11-2 before Brad Smith hit 2 free throws. Powell continued their comeback with a three pointer from Brett Goodwin.

The Pirates still trailed 18-9 but went on a 9-0 run to finish the first quarter. Baskets by Goodwin and Caleb McCoy and a three pointer by Smith brought the Pirates back to an 18-18 tie.

Lee County scored the first two points of the second quarter but the Pirates scored eleven straight with seven of those coming from Goodwin. Lee County fought back to come within three points. Powell got two straight baskets from Mullins to make the score 32-28. Lee County scored four straight to tie the game. Mullins, for Powell, scored at the end of the 1st half to give Powell a 34-32 lead.

The Pirates jumped out quickly on Lee County

to start the third quarter, scoring the first nine points. Powell continued to hold their lead all the way through the third quarter with the Pirates leading 59-48 at the end of the third quarter. Lee continued to battle for the first four minutes of the final quarter but Powell held the 10-point advantage.

Lee County began to foul the Pirates to chip away at the deficit, cutting Powell's lead to four with two minutes to go. Powell got free throws from Goodwin to increase their lead to six but with 47 seconds to go, Lee County trailed 72-70.

Powell continued to hang on when, with six seconds to go, Lee County hit a three pointer to cut

the lead to one.

Lee County called a time out but had none, resulting in a technical foul. Smith hit the two technical free throws and was fouled with one second going off the clock. Smith hit both free throws to bring the score to 80-75.

Lee attempted a last-second three pointer but missed for the Pirate victory. Powell was led in scoring by Brett Goodwin with 28 points. The Pirates got 14 points each from Brad Smith, Austin Mullins, and Caleb McCoy.

The Pirates traveled to Berea for the Berea Holiday Classic the week before Christmas. Powell faced the host school Berea in their first game.

Powell built an 11-point lead at half time over Berea and continued to increase their lead in the third quarter.

Powell defeated Berea 73-56 with Brett Goodwin leading the way with 28 points and Caleb McCoy with 17 points.

Powell then faced Rockcastle County in the winner's bracket. Powell led the whole game eventually defeating Rockcastle 59-50. The Pirates were once again led by Brett Goodwin with 26 points and Brad Smith with 10 points.

Powell then faced Montgomery County in the semi-finals of the tournament. The Pirates were never in the game against the Indians. Montgomery blitzed the

Pirates by a score of 72-36.

Derrick Robinson led the way for the Pirates with 11 points.

Powell then faced Jackson County for third place. Once again the Pirates were overmatched, trailing by 37 points at half time.

The Pirates made the game closer in the second half but lost 78-61 to Jackson County. Brett Goodwin had 18 points to lead the way for the Pirates.

Powell now stands at 4-5 overall for the season and 2-0 in district play. The Pirates play at home after Christmas in the Red River Classic.

Pirates Schedule

Jan. 10
Jan. 11
Jan. 14
Jan. 17
Jan. 18
Jan. 21
Jan. 24
Jan. 28
Jan. 31
Feb. 4
Feb. 7
Feb. 8
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 21

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Jackson City
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Magoffin County
@ Cordia
@ Wolfe County
@ Estill County
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56th District Tournament @ Lee County
14th Regional Tournament @ PCC

District Games capitalized
Home games in bold

Lady Pirates Schedule

Jan. 11
Jan. 16
Jan. 18
Jan. 20
Jan. 23
Jan. 27
Jan. 30
Feb. 1
Feb. 5
Feb. 6
Feb. 10
Feb. 15
Feb. 17

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Nicholas County
@ OWSLEY COUNTY
Breathitt County
@ East Carter (@ Morgan)
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Western Hills
@ Jackson City

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Property Transfers

Gale Means and Judy Means to Natalie Webb, Lot 26-Forest Hills Subdivision.

Kristofer Charles Carroll to Oussama V. Lama, Lot 5 of PLAT CAB-1 SL-161.

Joseph B. Shull through Power of Attorney and Janet Lynn Foster, Attorney in Fact, to Derek J. Lovell, 1 acre – Cat Creek, \$87,900.

Mark Anderson to Billy and Debbie Thompson, Lot 99 and 100-Lake Carroll Estates.

Virgil B. Barnett to Rodney and Ida M. Barnes, Deed with lien retained, Lot 3-Letcher Dalton Farm Subdivision, \$125,000.

Johnny Ray Townsend to Patricia F. Walker and Alex Walker, Lots-Faulkner Subdivision, \$20,000.

Christopher Wybo to Greg Smith, Tracts 5 and 6 of PLAT CAB-1 SL-177, \$5,500.

Whitaker Bank Inc. to Red River Gorge Development LLC, 3 tracts-Middlefork, \$140,000.

Kentucky Housing Corporation, John P. Skidmore, Maranda L. Skidmore, Central Bank & Trust Company, and Marcia K. Wireman, special Master Commissioner, to Kentucky Housing Corporation, N. Fork Road, \$91,589.39.

Kelly B. Neal and Crystal E. Neal, to Christopher Friel, Lots 56, 57, 58, 59-Oak Hill Drive, \$75,000.

Circuit Court

Dewayne Keith Campbell, burglary, second degree, assault, second degree, unlawful imprisonment-first degree, case dismissed.

Herbert Blane Charles, three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified sched-

ule 1 and 2, continued until Jan. 30.

Samantha Ann Cundiff, probation violation for felony offense, continued until Jan. 8.

Irene Eber, making false statements/misrepresenting to receive benefits over \$100, guilty plea, received three years – diverted for four years.

Ervine Fugate, robbery, first degree, dismissed without prejudice.

Robert Earl Geiger, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Dec. 18.

Robin Hale, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Jan. 8.

Travis Harris, manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, second offense, methamphetamine, continued until Jan. 8.

George Harvey Jarrell, Jr., sell/transfer simulated controlled substance-first offense, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Jan. 30.

Joseph Daniel Jarrell, sell/transfer simulated controlled substance – first offense, two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Jan. 22.

Kathleen Marie Jarrell, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Dec. 18.

Brandy Kilburn, theft of services, continued until Jan. 8.

Johnny D. Moore, murder, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, continued until Feb. 19.

Brian Keith Mullins, criminal possession of a forged instrument-second degree-I, guilty plea, received two years – diverted for three years.

Leeann Pergram, robbery, first degree, trial date Dec. 16.

Leeann Pergram, promoting contraband – first degree, trial date Dec. 16.

Leeann Pergram, bribe receiving by a witness, trial date Dec. 16.

David A. Pittman, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, theft by deception-including cold checks under \$10,000, trial date Dec. 16.

Ruby A. Richardson, knowingly abuse/neglect of adult by person, knowingly exploit adult by person over \$300, three counts of wanton endangerment-first degree, continued until Jan. 8, trial date Jan. 27.

Ruby Haddix Richardson, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, continued until Jan. 8, trial date Jan. 27.

Melissa Ruiz, flagrant non support, not guilty plea, continued until Jan. 22.

Kari Michelle Shackelford, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, not guilty plea, continued until Jan. 8.

Michael Shoemaker,

fraudulent use of a credit card under \$10,000, continued until Dec. 18.

Latashia Thomas, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified, schedule 1 and 2, pretrial conference Dec. 18.

George Tincher, burglary, second degree, theft by unlawful taking all others \$500 or more but under \$10,000, continued until Dec. 18.

Gerald Wells, flagrant non support, bench warrant issued.

District Court

Jeremy Adkins, terroristic threatening, third degree, not guilty plea, pretrial conference Jan. 14.

Carl McFarland, alco-

hol intoxication in a public place-first and second offense, not guilty plea, court trial Jan. 14.

William Dale Pasley, harassing communications, not guilty plea, pretrial conference Jan. 14.

Bridgett Michelle Riddell, making false statement to obtain increase of benefit over \$100, preliminary hearing Dec. 17.

Peggy G. Boyd, speeding 5 mph over limit, pretrial diversion ordered.

Darrell W. Burks, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, Counts 1 and 2 dismissed, failure to notify address change to the department of transportation, dismissed, failure of owner to maintain

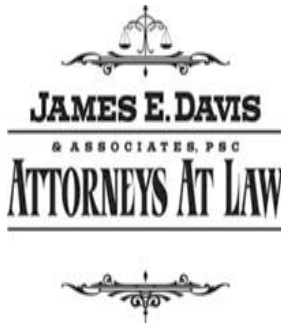
required insurance/security first, dismissed.

Jerry D. Garmon II, failure to wear seat belts, operating on a suspended/revoked operators license, defendant did not appear, bench warrant, \$250 cash bond.

Deborah L. Hurley, speeding 20 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card, not guilty plea, pretrial conference Jan. 21.

Robert F. Morton, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, show cause Jan. 7.

Fred N. Pike, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, not guilty plea, pretrial conference Jan. 21.



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Pirates take 3rd at RRC

By GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Pirates have been playing better basketball as of late. Powell competed in their annual Red River Classic. Eight teams from around Kentucky were competing in the annual after Christmas tournament held at Powell County.

The Pirates first opponent was the Lynn Camp Wildcats. Both teams showed rust from the Christmas lay-off. The game was tied at 16 after one quarter and at 32 at the end of the first half. Powell used their quickness and size inside to gain the advantage in the third quarter. Brett Goodwin scored 13 points in the quarter to help the Pirates take a 58-46 lead. Powell held off the scrappy Wildcats in the fourth quarter to win the game 80-65. The Pirates were lead in scoring by Brett Goodwin with 31 points, Austin Mullins with 21 points, and Caleb McCoy with 13 points. Powell, however, lost McCoy to an injury late in the game.

The Pirates faced the Paris Greyhounds in the second round without McCoy. Paris used their pressing ability to take a 24-16 lead after one quarter. The Pirates adjusted to the pressure and came back to tie the score at 35 with under a minute to play in the half. A quick basket by Paris and a missed shot by the Pirates led to a buzzer beater three pointer by Paris to end the half. Paris led 40-35 at half time.

Paris held the Pirate offense just nine points in the third quarter, with

Goodwin on the bench in foul trouble. Paris led by 10 after three quarters. Powell cut the lead to six in the fourth quarter but was unable to stop Paris from scoring. The Pirates fell to Paris 74-60. Pirates were led in scoring by Brett Goodwin with 21 points, Matt Brooks with 15 points, and Brad Smith with 10 points.

Powell faced Anderson County for third place in the Red River Classic in their last game. The game proved to be a real classic as both teams went back and forth with the lead. Anderson County led by seven points early, only to have the Pirates come back and take a three-point lead. Anderson led 37-36 at halftime. The Pirates were able to take a small advantage in the third quarter to tie the game at 57. The fourth quarter was just as close with both teams scoring just twelve points each in the quarter. The game was tied 12 times, including 69-69 at the end of regulation.

In overtime, Powell quickly took the advantage by hitting their free throws. Brad Smith and Brett Goodwin were successful at the line as Powell built a six-point advantage. Anderson came back but the Pirates got a layup from Matt Brooks to seal the victory. Powell won 83-78 in overtime. Brett Goodwin lead the Pirates with 34 points, Brad Smith scored 20 points, and Austin Mullins added 11 points.

Powell now stands at 6-6 for the season and 2-0 in district play. The Pirates only game last week was on Saturday when they traveled to Knott County Central.

(More Sports on A6 & A11)

Lady Pirates escape Tiger attack

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

It was a battle and that seemed to surprise the fans, the players and the coaching staff. The Powell County Lady Pirates coming off of an eight games in a 10 day stretch were back home last Friday night to host Jackson City.

Powell, who upset the region's perennial powerhouse Perry Central less than two weeks before, had to hang on to defeat the 4-7 Lady Tigers. Powell won, 62-61.

Whether it was fatigue or the mid-season blahs, Powell came out sluggish. They did manage to take a 19-10 lead after one quarter. But Jackson City came back quickly. The Lady Tigers caught up and a last second basket by Powell gave the Lady Pirates a 33-31 halftime lead.

The second half looked rougher for Powell. Several Lady Pirates missed open jumpers in the lane and what appeared to be easy layups. Meanwhile, Jackson City stayed even with Powell, trailing only by one as they entered the final frame.

The two teams traded



Times Photo by James Cook
Powell's Keeley Rogers goes in for two of her game high 39 points against Jackson City last Friday night.

shots like two fighters in a ring near the end of a long match. But free throws helped Powell to maintain a slim lead. Jackson City had a chance to win the game on two trips down the floor in the final minute, but missed both three point attempts. Powell hung on to escape with a 62-61 victory.

Powell had only one player in double figures. Keeley Rogers scored 39 of Powell's 62 points. She also had 16 rebounds. Triston Curtis scored nine, Destiny Peck added eight, Stephanie Knox chipped in five and Sarah Spencer hit a free throw.

Three Lady Tigers were in double digits, led by Heather Taulbee with 24

points. She was joined by fellow junior classmates Cassidy Griffith and Ashlee Combs with 11 apiece.

Jackson City fell to 4-8 and Powell improved to 10-5.

Powell's district battle with Estill County that was scheduled for this past Monday evening was cancelled due to the weather. It will be rescheduled. Powell will now set their sights on the rematch with Perry Central.

That game is set for Saturday at the PCHS gym. JV begins at 1 p.m. and Varsity will tip off around 3 p.m.



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